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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF TRADE LAW

1. APRIL 12 ISSUE OF CARACAS DAILY EL NACIONAL
FRONT-PAGES WASHINGTON DATELINE STORY BY RODOLFO SCHMIDT
THAT USG WILL STOP TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE GSP OPEC
EXCLUSION FROM THE TRADE LAW. THE STORY QUOTES A HIGH
STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE AS INFORMING EL NACIONAL
THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE
THIS YEAR BECAUSE "TO TRY TO INTRODUCE CHANGES IN THE
LAW WOULD OPEN PANDORA'S BOX". STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES
ARE ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING: "PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT
IN THE CONGRESS IS AGAIN SUCH THAT ANY ATTEMPT IN THIS
SENSE, EVEN IF IRRELEVANT, IS AUTOMATICALLY CONDEMNED
TO FAILURE. WE WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT. THERE IS
NOTHING WE CAN DO EXCEPT TO WAIT FOR A PROPITIOUS
OCCASION TO TRY AND CHANGE THE LAW, BUT THAT
OCCASION IS NOT YET IN SIGHT".

2. THIS STORY CATCHES US BY SURPRISE AS WE WERE
NOT AWARE OF ANY EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECISION NOT TO
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PUSH FOR AMENDING THE TRADE LAW ON THE OPEC EXCLUSION.
DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S RECENT CONSULTATION IN
WASHINGTON, IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT DECISION
WAS THAT SUCH AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE PUSHED AND THAT THERE
WAS SENTIMENT IN THE CONGRESS FOR IT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING US IF,

IN FACT, DECISION HAS BEEN MADE NOT TO SEEK AMEND-
MENT AND WHETHER THE ABOVE QUOTES ARE ACCURATE.
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